

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 446  
SENATE BILL 213

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 25A-15 RELATING TO RATES FOR CONSUMER CREDIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 25A-15(b) is rewritten to read as follows:

"(b) Except as hereinafter provided, the finance charge rate for a consumer credit installment sales contract may not exceed:

- (1) twenty-four percent (24%) per annum where the amount financed is less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500);
- (2) twenty-two percent (22%) per annum where the amount financed is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or greater, but less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000);
- (3) twenty percent (20%) where the amount financed is two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or greater, but less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000);
- (4) eighteen percent (18%) per annum where the amount financed is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or greater,

except that a minimum finance charge of five dollars (\$5.00) may be imposed."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 25A-15(d) is amended by deleting the words and figures "twelve percent (12%)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "sixteen percent (16%)".

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 25A-15(c) is rewritten to read:

"(c) A finance charge rate not to exceed the higher of the rate established in subsection (b) or the rate set forth below may be imposed in a consumer credit installment sale contract repayable in not less than six installments for a self-propelled motor vehicle:

- (1) 18% per annum for vehicles one and two model years old;
- (2) 20% per annum for vehicles three model years old;
- (3) 22% per annum for vehicles four model years old; and
- (4) 29% per annum for vehicles five model years old and older.

A motor vehicle is one model year old on January 1 of the year following the designated year model of the vehicle."

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective 30 days after ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of May, 1981.